

ear	acquire /ə'kwaɪə/	rusty	brushed
pick	struggle /'strʌɡəl/	keep	
get	accustomed /ə'kʌstəmd/	hold	
practice	immersed /ɪ'mɜːst/	attain /ə'teɪn/	

- 1 Some learners appear to be able to _____ **language** without much formal study.
- 2 I really _____ **with** English idioms. I can never remember them.
- 3 I'm not sure if I'll ever _____ **a** native speaker **level** of competence, but I'm not sure I really need to.
- 4 When he went to live in Korea, he quickly **got** _____ **to** the sound of the language.
- 5 I have _____ **up my** Arabic because I'm going to Riyadh next week.
- 6 Penny's lucky – she **has an** _____ **for** languages. She learns them much more easily than me.
- 7 After about a year, he found he could _____ **a conversation** in Italian without too much effort.
- 8 Unless I **put** a new piece of language **into** _____ immediately, I find I forget it.
- 9 People tend to give up on second language learning too easily. You need to _____ **at it** if you want to succeed.
- 10 She spent six weeks in Poland and really _____ herself **in** the language and culture.
- 11 It's easy to _____ **up phrases** like 'hello' and 'excuse me' wherever you are in the world.
- 12 The sounds of Finnish are quite unique, so I found it difficult to _____ **to grips with** the pronunciation.
- 13 I need to practise my speaking now I'm back. I'm sure I'm _____.